

CONCORDIA UNIVERSITY

Faculty of Engineering and Computer Science

Minutes of Meeting No. 80-8

of the

Engineering and Computer Science Faculty Council

held

Friday, 12 December 1980

Present: M.N.S. Swamy (Chairman); Professors Atwood, Bhargava, Bhattacharyya, Fazio, Jaworski, Lindsay, Menon, Morgera, Osman, Saber, T. Sankar, Troitsky, Xistris, Zielinski; B. Smart (Registrar's representative); K. Hobbs (Library representative); Prof. J.C. Giguere (Secretary)

Absent with apology: Professors Fancott, Hanna, Pekau, Suen

Motion 1. Council unanimously adopted a motion to approve the published agenda.
80-8-1 2. Mid-term break

The Chairman advised Council that Senate had approved a mid-term break for the 1981/82 academic year, which would run from 22 February to 26 February 1982. The week-long break was made possible by adding two additional holidays to the three existing ones (now called the Rector's holiday and seminar days), and making up for lost time by lengthening the term appropriately.

Before acting to establish the break on a permanent basis, Senate has asked Councils to forward their opinion on the matter. Background material is provided in Doc. 80-8-1.

During the discussion, the following points were made:

- The break presumably applies to undergraduate courses only
- The lengthening of the term might adversely affect the summer job potential of engineering and computer science students
- The student activity known as Engineering Week generally involves some cancellation of classes.

Motion 80-8-2 As a result, Council agreed to ask the Secretary to draft a response to Senate outlining its concerns, but indicating that it is prepared, with reservations, to have a mid-term break in 1982/83, so that its impact can be evaluated before a decision is made to institute it on a permanent basis.

3. Enrolment of B.Comp.Sc. students in the Science College

The Secretary advised Council that he had received a request from the Assistant Provost, Arts and Science, regarding the possibility of students in the General Science option of the B.Comp.Sc. enrolling in the Science College. His response is included in Doc. 80-8-2. At the moment, all students in the General Science option must complete, in addition to 60 specified credits, 21 credits from a broad list of electives, 6 credits from yet a broader list, and 3 credits in Computer Science. It is proposed, for those students entering the College, to replace these 30 credits by the College curriculum. The proposal has been endorsed by the Computer Science Department.

Motion 80-8-3 Council unanimously adopted a motion to approve and recommend to Senate the proposal set out in Doc. 80-8-2.

4. Supplemental regulations

The Secretary advised Council that he had received a response from the Computer Science Department on this matter (item 80-6-6), in which the Department had maintained its original position with respect to supplementals. He indicated that the Department was unique in the sense that enrolments in its 200 level courses were high and largely made up of students from other faculties. Further sections of these courses were available every term, and as such a student failing a 200 level course would not be unduly penalized by repeating the course in the following term. This was not the case for 300 and 400 level courses, and as such it would be difficult to envision the elimination of supplementals for these.

It was agreed that the Secretary would ask the Department to look at the matter again in the light of the above comments and the recommendations of ECUSC.

5. Title of the Faculty

Chairman informed Council that the Corporation of Concordia University had accepted the recommendation of the Board of Governors that the Faculty be known as the Faculty of Engineering and Computer Science.

6. Adjournment

Motion 80-8-4 Council unanimously adopted a motion to adjourn.